CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A powder driven tool comprising:

a housing including a powder cartridge and piston within a barrel; and

a guide member attached to the barrel and cradling a support device, the guide member including a wall portion having a thickness greater than other portions of the guide member,

wherein ignition of the powder cartridge causes the piston to move within the barrel and drive the support device, and the wall portion resists barrel climb as the support device is driven into an object.

2. The tool of claim 1, wherein the guide member includes a slot for engaging the support device so that the support device is driven in a straight direction.

3. The tool of claim 2, wherein the support device comprises a removable guide clip for engaging the slot.

4. The tool of claim 1, wherein the guide member includes a gaff.

5. The tool of claim 1, wherein the guide member and barrel are connected by at least one of threads and a screw.

6. The tool of claim 1, wherein the support device comprises:

a shaft having a first end and a second end;

threads disposed at the first end of the shaft for use in securing the device to a pole; and

at least one rigid support member disposed on the second end of the shaft.

7. The tool of claim 6, wherein the support device comprises at least one of stainless steel and titanium.

8. The tool of claim 6, further comprising a removable guide clip positioned distally of the threads on the shaft.

9. The tool of claim 6, wherein the rigid support member comprises a curved portion.

10. The tool of claim 1, wherein the piston is molded to conform to shape of the support device.

11. The tool of claim 1, wherein the force applied from the piston for driving the support device into a pole is variable.

12. The tool claim 1, further comprising an extension pole for attaching to the housing.

13. A guide member comprising:

an attachment portion for connecting to a barrel of a powder driven tool, the powder driven tool including a powder cartridge that actuates a piston within the barrel, the piston driving a support device into an object; and

a wall portion having a thickness greater than other portions of the guide member that resists barrel climb as the support device is driven into the object.

14. The guide member of claim 13, further comprising a slot for engaging the engaging the support device so that the support device is driven in a straight direction.

15. A support assembly comprising:

a powder driven tool including a powder cartridge, a trigger for actuating a piston within a barrel, and a guide member attached to the barrel; and

a support device adapted to received force applied from the piston for driving the support device into a pole,

wherein the guide member includes a slot for engaging the support device so that the support device is driven in a straight direction.

16. The support assembly of claim 15, wherein the guide member comprises a wall portion having a thickness greater than other portions of the guide member.

17. The support assembly of claim 15, wherein the guide member comprises a gaff.

18. The support assembly of claim 15, wherein the support device comprises a curved portion.

19. The support assembly of claim 15, wherein the support device comprises a removable guide clip.

20. The support assembly of claim 15, further comprising an extension pole for elevating the powder driven tool.